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REMARKS

Claims 1,2 4 through 17 and 19 through 30 remain in this application. Claims 3 and 18 have been canceled. Claims 1,4,6 through 10, 15, 16, 19, 21 through 25 and 30 have been amended.

The Examiner objected to claims 3 through 15 and 18 through 30 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Though the claims as written are patentable over the prior art, the claims have been amended accordingly to more efficiently and timely obtain patent protection.

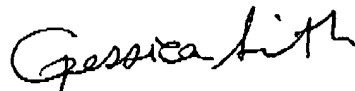
CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Jessica Smith at (972) 477-9109.

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